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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.

4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.

5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.

7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.

9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.

12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.

13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.

14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, June 1, at 10:30 a.m.—
The Reverend H. L. Chesser, General Overseer of the Church of God.

Commencement Address, Thursday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m.—
Dr. John Keith Benton, Dean of Vanderbilt School of Religion and President of the American Association of Theological Seminaries.

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Alabama	2,345	New Jersey	49
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California	597	North Carolina	5,152
Colorado	21	North Dakota	56
Connecticut	8	Ohio	894
Delaware	60	Oklahoma	385
Florida	2,039	Oregon	60
Georgia	4,216	Pennsylvania	602
Idaho	39	Rhode Island	2
Illinois	571	South Carolina	2,560
Indiana	285	South Dakota	33
Iowa	98	Tennessee	2,076
Kansas	193	Texas	735
Kentucky	777	Vermont	1
Louisiana	324	Virginia	1,268
Maine	135	Washington	82
Maryland	292	Washington, D. C.	39
Massachusetts	5	West Virginia	1,833
Michigan	368	Wisconsin	57
Minnesota	25	Wyoming	552
Mississippi	627	Foreign	5
Missouri	368	Central Canada	17
Montana	62	Western Canada	74
Nebraska	51		
Nevada	16	TOTAL	30,689
New Hampshire	1		

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The healing of my body; me to have a closer walk with God; my unsaved children in the service.—A Sister, Dalton, Ga.

My mother; my brother's health and mind to be restored.—Mrs. Walter Bell, Clairfield, Tenn.

My body to be healed of sugar diabetes and infection.—Mrs. Myrtle Young Smith, Charlotte, N. C.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and cancer of the lung and receive the Holy Ghost.—Paul Phillips, Bradenton, Fla.

NOTICES

If anyone has a son or loved one stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and desires us to visit him and give him an invitation to attend services, please contact Rev. Henry Liles, Pastor of the Church of God, Box 8, Hope Mills, N. C.

My brother, Pfc. George W. Jordan, whose address is RA 14397662, B-c 14th R.C.T., A.P.O. 25, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., is on the front line in Korea, and has been in service since March 20, 1951. George is a member of Shady Grove Church of God where W. G. Sharp is the pastor. He enjoyed going to church very much and would like for every one who knows the worth of prayer to pray that the Lord will bring him home safely.—Shirley Jordan.

R. E. Conner has resigned the pastorate of the West Asheville Church to engage in evangelistic work.

I am open for revivals anywhere and would especially appreciate calls from pastors that I know.—W. B. Vance, Shell Creek, Tenn.

Brother L. J. Potts says that he is physically able to conduct revivals again and would appreciate invitations. His address is Rev. L. J. Potts, 610 N. 8th St., Paducah, Ky.

CORRECTION—The price of *Personal Soul-Winning* is \$2.50 instead of \$2.00 as advertised on page 5 of this issue. Please do not order expecting to get it at \$2.00.

URGENT REQUEST

Marjorie Temples, 13 years old, is seriously ill with the rare disease called lupus. Her mother, a member of the Lakeland, Fla., Church of God, is also very sick. Let us pray for this mother and daughter.

Editorial Selections...

A GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Breaking all known attendance records for Sunday School conventions, the Assemblies of God Tenth National-First International Sunday School Convention, held in Springfield, Missouri, on March 25-28, 1952, chalked up a total of 9,184 registrations. Actual attendance at the convention exceeded 10,000.

Simultaneous meetings, held in three of Springfield's largest auditoriums, provided a full program from which the delegate might choose. Twenty-nine different conferences, morning and evening sessions, and the forty-six booths in the two exhibition rooms of the "Sunday School World's Fair" packed the three-day gathering with inspiration and information.

The city of Springfield threw its doors of welcome open wide to the delegates, stringing pennants of welcome over the streets, putting special displays in store windows, using "Welcome, Delegate" menu covers, etc. Providing an impressive congregational reading, was the convention catechism, which was printed in the program. The chairman of each service posed a question to the congregation, which answered the question by quoting in unison from a scripture passage or from the Assemblies of God Teacher's Covenant. In most instances, the afternoon conferences and workshops were packed out with note-taking delegates. Extra conferences were conducted during morning services to help accommodate the large delegation and to make it possible for many to attend extra afternoon conferences, if they so desired.

In the last morning session of the convention a vote of confidence was taken and the congregation unanimously accepted the plan that a national Sunday School convention be held every other year rather than every year. On the alternate years, the first of which will be 1953, six regional conventions will be held in the following regions: Southeast, South Central, Southwest, Northwest, North Central, Northeast. In these conventions the National Sunday School Department will bring a headquarters convention to the people. Theme for the conventions will be "Sunday School Advance!"

RULES OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

Judge Joseph Sabath, an outstanding figure in the Court of Domestic Relations, has had a long and varied experience with the affairs of broken homes and wrecked marriages. He has presided for twenty years over what he calls "the nightmare world of the divorce courts." He says:

"Ninety thousand people, who have come to the parting of the ways through bitter recriminations, have stood before me to testify of broken homes, sordid betrayals, and the unbelievable rancor which cause separations.

"Out of my fifty years of married life and my twenty years as a divorce jurist, I have framed a decalogue for those who are married or are contemplating it, which I think would prevent at least 90 percent of the marital smashups.

"Here to me, are the rules of a successful marriage:

- "1. Bear and forbear.
- "2. Work together, play together, and grow up together.
- "3. Avoid the little quarrels, and the big ones will take care of themselves.
- "4. Compromise (give and take). It is the antitoxin of divorce.
- "5. Practice sympathy, good humor and mutual understanding.
- "6. Don't grouch before breakfast or after it.
- "7. Respect your "in-laws," but don't criticize them or take criticism from them.
- "8. Establish your own home, even in a one-room flat.
- "9. Fight for each other, but not with each other.
- "10. Build your home on religious faith, with love and

forgiveness as the watchwords."

The Lord's Word, through the apostle Paul, to saved wives and husbands is: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."—(Colossians 3:18, 19)—NOW.

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Less "rule of gold" and more of the "Golden Rule."

—GOSPEL HERALD

AFRICANS BLAME DIVORCE ON DANCING

Modern dancing is "heathen" in character and stands condemned in the light of Christian ethics, says a memorandum drawn up by a commission of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Orange Free State, meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The commission, set up by the church to combat social evils, estimated that 75 per cent. of divorces began on dance floors. The stimulation of sex has become the dominant factor in the modern concept of dancing and, opinioned the commission, "It is small wonder that the serious, devoted Christian and even many non-Christians who value purity, are not found dancing."

There are great problems before the American people. I would be afraid to go forward, if I did not believe that there lay at the foundation of all our schooling and all our thought, the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God.—Woodrow Wilson.

The difference between perseverance and obstancy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The merit of originality is not novelty; it is sincerity. The believing man is the original man; he believes for himself, not for another.—Carlyle.

Our revenue may derive some unholy benefit from the sale of alcohol, but the entire trade is nevertheless a covenant with sin and death.—Lord Bacon.

If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering, and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it.—Roger Babson.

I believe there is more satisfaction in patting a man on the back than standing on his neck. I believe there is more fun in lifting a man up than holding him down. I believe happiness is bound up with helpfulness.—Jerome P. Fleishman.

Faith is never surprised at success.

By the way they talk, one would infer that some people really enjoy bad health.

Those who do not cross rivers until they get to them, have fewer rivers to cross.

A man may often regret his speech; never his silence.

Some folks are so busy laying up for a rainy day that they cannot enjoy good weather.

"Soul Winning"

By Rev. T. W. Godwin, State Overseer of Virginia and Chairman of the Editorial and Publications Board

TEXT: Mark 2:3, "And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four."

INTRODUCTION: To my mind there are four very outstanding characteristics requisite to soul winning. I am conscious of the fact that there are many and various ways in which we can win souls for Christ, but none so important to me as the four I shall mention in this article.

May I call to your attention the fact that, in the case referred to, there were four men working at the job of getting this one helpless man to the Lord. To many, perhaps, the only meaning here is that four men brought a man to Christ. Well, saying the least of it, they got the job done, and that is the secret of any effort. But, my dear reader, let us compare these four men to four characteristics of a Christian's life and work for God. May I proceed by comparing one of these four men to our individual **HOME LIFE**; the second, to our **BUSINESS LIFE**; the third, to our **SOCIAL LIFE**; and last, to our **CHURCH LIFE**.

Let us begin with the first characteristic, our **HOME LIFE**. Much depends on how we live in the home. When a man and his family fail to get along and be peaceable, his influence is not good with his fellow man, and his power for winning souls is of no effect. The same man that said, "Husbands, love your wives," said also, "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands." Where this timely advice is adhered to, the home life has a good chance to excel and be an influence for good. It is only under such circumstances that a person can be at his best in the home. You can not be a soul winner and fuss and fume with your husband or wife. The world knows that a Christian home is where peace and quiet abounds. You may fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time. 1 Tim. 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Then, to me, it means our individual family or home. There are great responsibilities in the home, and the world is watching our home life as much as anything. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Some seem to think their children have so many wild oats to sow; therefore, they let them have their way and give them money to go to the show or any place they care to go; instead of teaching them what is right, they allow them to do wrong. As a result, they are ill-mannered in the home, on the street and in the church. My friend, when you fail in your home and with your

family, you have failed God and your neighbor. You may have many other good Christian qualities, but if your home life is a failure, your other qualities do not count as they should for God.

Now let us consider our **BUSINESS**



T. W. Godwin

LIFE. In 1 Thess. 4:11 Paul instructs, "Study to be quiet and to do your own business." Again in Proverbs 22:29 we read, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." Then in Rom. 13:8 we are exhorted to "owe no man anything, but to love him." In these scriptures we understand, first, that we should be quiet and composed, attend to our own business, and leave the other fellow's alone. The trouble with so many today is they try to attend to everybody's business but their own. But to be diligent in our own business and keep up to date with our own affairs means a successful attractive business life. "Owe no man anything, but to love him" does not mean that it is wrong to buy on time, but it is wrong, and bad wrong, to owe someone and fail to pay him. When grocery bills, car notes, and garage bills follow a preacher or a Christian, his influence for soul winning is ruined! David said that goodness and mercy would follow him all the days of his life. I trust the same will follow all Christians today, for "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Romans 12:11a says to be "not slothful in business"; that is, don't neglect anything that requires attention. Don't wait until the note at the bank is due; pay

it a few days before. Then, the next time you want a loan, the banker will readily trust you. Never live above and beyond your income. Never buy anything unless you can see a good possibility of paying for it. As a matter of fact, Paul instructs that we do everything by prayer—consult our heavenly Father for His help and guidance. Good soul winners are generally good businessmen. If you had all the other qualities and failed to be honest, prompt, and dependable in your business affairs, your soul-winning efforts wouldn't amount to very much.

Now let us turn our attention to the third man, who may represent our **SOCIAL LIFE**. Here is shown the characteristic that pertains to our association with one another. The wise man said, "A man that hath friends, must show himself friendly," and our Lord was a friend even to publicans and sinners. Jesus associated with all classes of people; none were too small, and none were too great. The rich and the poor, the high and the low were treated alike by our Lord in every place and all the time. He knew how to meet the intelligent and present the gospel, and He knew how to preach to the poor and unlearned. There were no big I's and little you's with Jesus. He made friends all over the country where He traveled. There are ministers who are great preachers, yet they are not sociable; therefore, it is difficult for them to make any gains in any way. On the other hand, there are ministers who are not so great in their preaching, yet they are friendly, kindhearted and polite, and usually such preachers have large attendances and memberships in their churches. Therefore, soul winners should be friendly to everybody, the tither and nontither, regular attendant and non-attendant. This is the way to make regular attendants out of nonattendants.

Many times the enemy tries to discourage a Christian by getting him to believe he is not appreciated, and cause him to neglect speaking to and being friendly with the people. In this case others fail to speak to him, and this has continued with some until they requested their names dropped from the church roll. Soul winners never wait for others to speak first; they never wait to be entertained; they are always entertaining others. We may have all the other qualities of a soul winner and not be sociable, and our ministry is very badly blighted.

Last, but not of less importance is the fourth man, which may represent our **CHURCH LIFE**. A church life means a life separated from the world—a life backed up by our faithfulness to all the teachings of our church. At any time we fail or miss the standard, the people lose confidence in us; therefore, we should be regular in our attendance at Sunday School, prayer meeting, revivals, and all the regular services. During a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a certain revival, a visitor, who was attending a holiness meeting for his first time, was very much attracted by the shouting of one of the worshipers.

This being Sunday night, he returned Monday night especially to see this person shout again. But that shouter wasn't there! He returned Tuesday night, Wednesday night, and on throughout the week, but that person did not show up! Yet, on Sunday night the member was there with bells on, so to speak, and really got in on his part of the shouting. After the benediction this visitor approached the member and inquired if he had been sick, saying, "I have been here every night this week just to see you worship with such beautiful manifestations, and I know you must have been sick or you would have been back. His answer was no; he hadn't been sick; he had just had to plow hard every day and was too tired to attend on week nights. The visitor said, "I am disappointed in you and have no further confidence in your religion." The writer of Hebrews said we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some. It is really bad manners to be absent from church, and it is a detriment not only to the church and our influence, but to the people as well.

Then there are other characteristics in the Christian's life that make great impressions on the people; for example, our faithfulness to the teachings of the Church. When we preach that tithes and offerings are our only method of supporting the ministry and the church, and then fail in the practice of our doctrine, our profession breaks down under the weight of inconsistency, and we have made ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the world. This all pertains to our church life and has much to do with our soul winning. Of course, our teachings are many, but not too many; they are all good and to be practiced. The more we practice and perfect them in our lives, the greater effect and influence we will have upon the world.

The world is in serious trouble today because of unfaithfulness. Our own fair land of America is suffering untold embarrassment and disadvantage because of unfaithful men who have failed in the business entrusted to them. Then, too, most of the embarrassment we have suffered in the Church can be traced back to someone's unfaithfulness. My suggestion is, let us be faithful to our church, the pastor, the members, the friends, the services, the teachings, the business meetings, the conferences, and the general and state programs in every department. In fact, if we would bring souls to Jesus, we must be faithful in all things—our home, business, social, and church life. Let us be soul winners.

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Harold Y. Curtis (S. A.) 3rd Div., 297-34-22, USS Telfair, APO 210, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. Harold is working in and out of Tokyo, Japan, on a transport ship. He has been in nearly 1 year. His parents are faithful members of the Church of God at McCaysville, Ga. They request prayer for Harold.



Pfc. J. B. Mullinax, RA-14395558, H. M. Co., 14th Inf., Regt., APO 25, in care of P. M., San Francisco, Calif. J. B. has been in Korea nearly 9 months. His parents are not church members, but are regular attendants and supporters of the McCaysville Church, of which Rev. Roy C. Phillips is pastor. Let us pray for them and their son.

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WISCONSIN MAKES PROGRESS

The Lord has blessed us with some of the best workers that could be obtained for this needy field. All that has been accomplished is accredited to their faithful efforts and the help of the Lord. When I came to the State last Assembly, there were 98 members; we now have 171. We have organized 2 new churches, 3 Sunday Schools, and 3 new Y. P. E.'s, and 2 Y. P. E.'s have been reorganized. The total attendance last month was 569 for the Y. P. E. and 745 for the Sunday School. We are now having services in Wausau, but have not organized a church yet; we hope to by convention time. Since last convention 78 have been converted, 38 sanctified, 37 filled with the Holy Ghost, 24 baptized in water, and 58 added to the Church. We have advanced from Group G to Group F, and our goal is 29 more members to reach the next group.

We have just purchased a Jewish synagogue at Sheboygan, for \$10,000, to be used as our place of worship. The building is in a lovely location, with the parsonage on the back of the church. It will seat approximately 250 or 300 people by utilizing the balcony. It has a lovely basement, with a small auditorium, Sunday School rooms, nice modern kitchen, baptistry, and a one-year-old heating plant. This building is modern in every respect. Rev. E. R. Adams is the pastor of this church. For some seven or eight years the church has worshiped in store buildings, but, through the good work of Brother and Sister Adams and the good folks of Sheboygan, they will not be pushed around any longer.

Rev. Bill Heron is pastor of the work at Green Bay and state youth director. We have had many complications in trying to get a place to worship in this city of 100,000 population. Brother and Sister E. B. Wolff so willingly opened their home for prayer meetings, and we organized the church. In this state the building code is so hard to meet that it has been difficult to get a place to worship. There were no buildings to rent—the only alternative was to move a building onto the lot we had purchased. The state building inspector would require first this thing, then something else, and for one and a half years we worked, until they finally granted the permit. We still had to meet the building code, but, thank the Lord, in about two weeks we will have this building completed for service.

We also have a church and faithful membership at White Lake. They have had 2 or 3 good revivals since my coming to the State and have broken their Sunday School record several times. The attendance is now 104. At present they are planning to enlarge their church and parsonage as soon as the weather permits.

Recently, we received an independent church of 37 members at Cranston, Wisc., and they have just had a

2 weeks' revival. There were 11 saved, and the Lord only knows what would have been the results had the snowstorm not prevented running the meeting on. Sister Ash conducted the revival. There Sunday School averages 65 to 70, and the Y. P. E., 50 to 60. The building is a nice 30-by-60-foot frame structure, with a nice modern parsonage on the adjoining lot. Rev. F. S. Ash is the pastor, coming to us from Illinois.

Then, we have a church building in Bloomington, where Rev. Wm. R. Collins is pastor. Brother and Sister Collins live in Prairie du Chien, about 15 miles from Bloomington. They have an organized Sunday School and Y. P. E. in Prairie, and we hope to get the church organized soon. The people are faithful in keeping up their quotas.

Rev. Otis Huff is pastor of a Pentecostal group in Antigo that fellowships with us. Brother and Sister Huff work with us 100 per cent. The church there sent their mission offering to us last year to be used by our organization. They have sent in \$50 so far this year on our mission program. We hope they will be a part of us soon.

Last, but not least, is our work at Mosinee, with Rev. C. W. Garnett as pastor. The church has received 20 new members into their fellowship since the convention, making them 44 members. A few Sundays back I was privileged to be in a mission service there, and Brother Garnett received a \$450 offering. Also, they have just completed a \$2,500 remodeling program on the church building, installing new drapes, celotex on the ceiling and walls, converting the coal furnace to oil, and finishing Sunday School rooms in the basement. The parsonage was also modernized by installing a kitchen sink, with built-in cabinets, new windows, doors, and back porch, with a garage built. The house was painted inside and out and new floor coverings, including inlaid linoleum for the kitchen, were installed. Brother and Sister Garnett are hard workers and have a grand group of people with whom to work.

I believe you can see that the ministers and members of Wisconsin love the Lord and the Church of God.—Estel D. Moore, State Overseer.

HALIFAX, N. C.—We are praising God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us here in Camp 109. Several have been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost under the able preaching of our pastor, Rev. L. N. Puitt. We are so thankful for the many friends here in the Church of God in Roanoke Rapids who come every first, second, and third Sunday to bring the precious Word, which has been food to our souls. The morning worship services at 9:00 and 11:00, conducted by Brother Puitt, have been a blessing to us. Several here receive the *Evangel*, which has been a help to us in seeing what the other churches are doing. We request prayer for

all here that God will grant us a Holy Ghost revival and many will be saved. Your brother in Christ.

THE ALABAMA CITY SUNDAY SCHOOL PUTS EVANGEL QUOTA OVER



L. M. Holliday

The Alabama City Church of God has gone over the top with its *Evangel* quota for the year, but the end is not yet. The contest is still going and *Evangel* subscriptions are being counted in an outstanding way. The success of this drive is attributed to the faithful work of our Sunday School superintendent, L. M. Holliday; the assistants, Phillip Hathcock and James Southerland; the secretary, Harold Rogers; the fine staff of teachers and the scholars. Our quota for the year was 209. We have approximately 300 which our church sold leaving Headquarters each week. The Sunday School was divided to the extent that each class was given a quota of 16 subscriptions, and a good number of the classes secured many more. Sister Mable Simpson, young single ladies' teacher, secured 39 and takes the banner for being in the lead. Sister Ada Thrasher, teacher of the small children's class, makes the runner-up, with 29 subscriptions.—L. W. McIntyre, Pastor.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HANDBOOK

By James Deforest Murch

"It is in answer to hundreds of appeals from workers in small schools that this *Handbook* has been prepared. It has been my purpose to uphold the commonly accepted standards of Sunday-School work while 'stepping down' programs and methods to the needs and capacities of the small school."—J. D. M.

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Editor's note: This beautiful 6-room parsonage is everything that it appears to be. Brother and Sister Statum, their son and daughter, Hugh and Betty, are delighted that this house had just been completed as if for them. In fact who knows but what this was actually God's plan for them and South Alabama. It was a delight to accept Brother Statum's invitation to be with him April 6, in service with his good pastors, Ellis Wright at Prattville and A. J. Gardner at Montgomery. These are great pastors of good churches, doing excellent work for God and His church. In my opinion, the executive board made a very wise choice in selecting Brother Statum as state overseer of South Alabama. This is the initial step in dividing the large states, but I feel that it will be seen more and more that this is advisable.

The Church of God, with General Headquarters in Cleveland, Tenn., Rev. H. L. Chesser, General Overseer, has recently set up headquarters for the southern part of this state in Greenville. Rev. H. T. Statum is the overseer of this territory, which includes the part of the state south of Highway 80, from the Mississippi line to Selma, then, south of Highway 14 from Selma to the Georgia line. This territory is further divided into ten districts. Rev. Clarence Busby is the youth director and secretary-treasurer.

Due to the rapid growth of the Church of God, one state office could no longer adequately facilitate the increasing demand that was placed upon it. The task of supervising the work became a tremendous job for one group of officials. For some time the idea of dividing the states has been general talk. At the meeting last September, the Supreme Council of the Church of God approved dividing Ala-

bama, subject to a majority vote by the ministers in their State Ministers' Meeting.

During the Ministers' Meeting, which convened January 17, moderated by General Overseer Chesser, this idea became a recommendation supported by a strong majority of the ministers.

"We think this is a very progressive move. It will mean closer contact for the overseer and youth director, which will mean greater evangelistic results and more churches organized," says a Church of God spokesman.

A handsome residence was recently purchased by the Church of God for a state parsonage. This lovely home is located on Brookside Drive among the tall pines in the naturally picturesque East Edgewood Estates section. Rev. Statum, overseer of South Alabama, and his family reside here.

Rev. Statum, who has already assumed his new duties as overseer of the Church of God in South Alabama, comes here from Decatur, Ala., where

he pastored the Sherman Street Church for more than four years. The church prospered during his stay, building a \$20,000 brick parsonage, putting brick veneer on the church, and adding a ten-room Sunday School building.

Rev. Statum has served on the Board of Councillors to the state overseer of the entire state for two years prior to the division of the state.

The Statum family consists of Rev. and Mrs. Statum, a daughter, Betty Joyce, 19, and a son, Hugh Talmadge, Jr., 13.

Rev. Clarence Busby is the youth director and secretary-treasurer of the Church of God in South Alabama. Rev. Busby comes here from Birmingham, where he served in the state office as secretary and treasurer for the entire state.

Th Busby family consists of Rev. and Mrs. Busby, a daughter, Judy Marie, age 4, and a son, Clarence, Jr., age 6 months.—From the Greenville, Ala., Advocate.

E. P. NEWS AND THOUGHT

CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS REPORTS ON KOREA

The Chief of Chaplains, Major General Roy H. Parker, who recently toured the battle areas of Korea, on an inspection tour in which he contacted some 90 per cent of the chaplains on duty there, reports the morale of the chaplains high and that these ministers in uniform are sharing with the troops the difficulties and hardships of the war. General Parker met General Ridgway and other commanders and reported their interest and support of the spiritual work among the troops. The General told of "Operation Mascot" in which many of the homeless children of Korea were assembled and placed in orphanages by our U. S. troops. The soldiers have contributed funds for these institutions to care for the children. One group of officers and men were so impressed by the singing of a Japanese Christian girl who frequently served as soloist for the chapel services at a church in Japan, that they took up offerings and made arrangements for her to have voice study in Yokohama.

General Parker also told of the good treatment afforded to Communist prisoners of war by the U. N. authorities. They receive food and clothing, and religious ministrations are provided for them by the Department of the Army Civilian chaplains, most of whom are missionaries. One of these workers had an average of five thousand for each of eight Sunday services, and also reported seven teacher-training classes with a total attendance of 794. Between 70 and 80 per cent of the POW have signed petitions asking that they not be sent back to Communist-dominated countries.

REPORT FROM KOREA

Christianity has been one of the chief targets of Communist aggression in Korea, but all their terror and bloodshed could not wipe out the Church of Christ, according to a report of the Pocket Testament League. Bands of Christians gather early (5 a.m.) every morning to pray and praise God. The Pocket Testament League is coming to the aid of the Christians with another campaign of Scripture distribution which aims to rush thousands of copies of the Bible to this war-torn land.

WOMEN GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV—Women in Israel have now been granted equality with men before the law. A bill, known as the Women's Equal Rights Bill, was passed by the Knesset (parliament), and all discriminatory clauses embodied in other laws have been invalidated. This does away with various discriminations against women under rabbinical law, which did not permit women to own property, appear in court as witnesses, be the natural

guardian of their children, and not favored in the matter of divorce. The new law changes these discriminations and also forbids bigamy for Jewish and Christian communities. An interesting sidelight on this is the motion supported by the Knesset's women members to eliminate the word "ba'al" as a name for husband (literally in Hebrew, "master"). This was upheld and the word "ish" meaning "man" as well as "husband" is to be used.

RELIGIOUS GIVING NEAR TWO BILLION

Various contributions made by 54,000,000 Protestants, 28,600 Roman Catholics, and 4,500,000 Jews through their respective churches and synagogues in 1951 reached a total of \$1,992,576,688, according to the annual estimate made by the Golden Rule Foundation. This is an increase of approximately \$98,576,000, or 5.2 per cent, over the amount given in 1950, as estimated for that year by the Russell Sage Foundation. Such contributions by living donors through their churches are approximately one-half of the total amount given from year to year for all religious, educational, and welfare causes. On that basis, approximately 4 billion dollars was given in 1951 for tax exempt philanthropies.

LUTHERAN CHURCH GOING ON TELEVISION

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A \$750,000 television project of the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) received the green light last week when the Board of Directors of the church body approved plans for the program after viewing two pilot films produced by Lutheran Television Productions, the agency set up by the church to produce and distribute the program.

Immediate plans call for the filming of 26 programs of 30-minute length. Called "This Is the Life," the new program uses a family setting in an attempt to portray typical Christianity in an average American home.

In a recent religious survey, 79.6 per cent of young people questioned said they believed the Bible was the revealed Word of God, but 77.1 per cent of the same group had not read it or only read it occasionally.

TEXAS BAPTISTS HAVE GOOD YEAR

DALLAS, Texas—A new record for additions to the church was set in 1951 by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, with 100,000 new members. Officials of the church also estimate that 25,000 new members were sent to other denominations as a result of Baptist activities. Total Baptist membership in 1951 was 1,203,569.

UNITED BIBLE SOCIETY SENDS MESSAGE TO CHURCHES

The United Bible societies in their

council and conference in Ootacamund, South India, issued a message to the various churches concerning the need of the Scriptures in life today. Calling attention to the forces in the world working against the will of God, the Society states, "We have been confronted, as never before, with the knowledge that nothing but the Incarnate Word of God, as revealed in the Scriptures, will suffice."

EUROPEANS IN DESPERATE NEED

Nearly one and a half million Europeans, a third of them refugees, are in desperate need of food and clothing for the coming year. Unless Christians in areas of plenty respond to the needs of brothers in distress, about 1,034,000 European Christians—about half of them underpaid pastors and other church workers—will not get enough food to eat this year, and some 815,000 of them will go without sufficient clothing. The principal areas of need are in Germany, Greece, and Austria.

HUNGARIAN LUTHERANS CLAIM SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Since their "liberation" (by the Communists), the 430,000 baptized members of the Lutheran Church have "witnessed a very significant spiritual renewal," according to the Hungarian Church Press, English-language news bulletin of the Protestant Churches in Hungary. Just prior to the opening of the synod of the Lutheran Church in Hungary, the resignation of Bishops Turoczy and Szabo, and the inspector-general, Dr. Ivan Reok, were announced. Their places were filled by those known to be in sympathy with the Communist regime. At the synod a new constitution was drafted for the Lutheran Church with a more "simple and economical" organization planned. Aim of the National Synod was given as follows: "to promote and strengthen the cooperation between the Church and the People's Republic (Communist government)." The new Church laws, it was said, "would prove that we cannot be shaken in this love of our country."

The legislative synod was convened by Bishop Lazlo Deszery, the new leader, who stated in his opening address, that it was "the duty of the Church to perform full service in the Hungarian People's Republic," and that progress in the Lutheran Church has become "clarified and more realistic since the liberation."

A RICH SECRET KEPT

How can a \$30,000,000 beneficence be kept secret? Boston has the answer today. Thirty years ago, on his deathbed, George Robert White, president of the Cuticura Corporation, ordered that his firm contribute to charity "forever" \$2 out of ever \$3 of net profits. Furthermore, Mr. White requested that the public be told of his "humanitarian fund" only after the 30th an-

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niversary of his death in 1922. It was known generally that he had left \$5,000,000 to the City of Boston for civic improvements, but not until now has it become known that his "profit-sharing with charity" has brought \$30,000,000 to hospitals, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and other institutions during the past 30 years.

Dr. Samuel M. Best, President of the Cuticura Corporation, says that Mr. White decreed that "regardless of how many millions of dollars the corporation would pour into humanitarian endeavors of one sort or another, their philanthropic work was to continue quietly without any sort of fanfare."

The Cuticura Corporation will continue to give \$2 out of every \$3 of net profits to worthy institutions.

"The more money we gave away the more our company prospered," said W. C. Hamilton, vice-president.

The Cuticura funds built the Boston Medical Library, constructed the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, provided works of art for the museum, and paid for training of artists. Charity-ward care was provided for thousands of needy cases at Massachusetts General Hospital, which was the principal beneficiary.

Francis M. Putnam, assistant to the president, said that the announcement was being made "with the hope that other business firms will adopt a similar policy. We hope that both labor and management will overcome the greed and opportunism of today's world by practicing some of the brotherly love that was the motivating force behind our great nation during the centuries of its growth to a mighty world power."

\$6,000,000,000

SINCE REPEAL, THE COST OF LIQUOR-BRED CRIME

"In epitomizing the record of the legalized liquor traffic, the effect of the prohibition period is startling in evidence. First of all, the liquor traffic, sanctioned and protected by federal, state, and local laws, enjoys tremendous advantage over the fly-by-night status in the prohibition period. As a result there are today some 437,501 federal taxpaying retail liquor sellers in the United States, most of them placed squarely on community main streets and the nation's highways to lure patronage of 25,000,000,000 motorists. Government sources admit that millions of gallons are still sold illegally despite repeal.

"The liquor traffic since repeal has paid out \$100,000,000 for advertising through press, radio, movies, and every other channel of publicity. (Not a line of liquor advertising was permitted anywhere in the United States throughout the twelve-year period of national prohibition.) Students estimate that at least 50 per cent of liquor consumption is primarily due to the artificial stimulation of the drink

makers' advertising.

"Liquor consumption is increasing at the rate of 500,000 gallons a day. The liquor traffic cost the American people last year more than \$3,750,875,000. The total repeal-period liquor bill to date is \$13,000,000, a great part of which was diverted directly from the normal income of thousands of retail merchants from necessities of life and wholesome luxuries.

"The indirect cost of liquor for the repeal period, in accidents, disease, destitution, premature deaths, reduced earning power of labor, and lowering of living conditions in many homes, due to liquor, is estimated at not less than \$4,000,000,000. It is now estimated on the basis of wide investigation that at least \$3,000,000,000 of taxpayers' money expended for relief since repeal has been taken by the liquor traffic from alcoholic victims.

"The cost of liquor-bred crime in the United States since repeal may be conservatively estimated as in excess of \$6,000,000,000, which is 10 per cent of the \$60,000,000,000 cost of all crime so reckoned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Liquor has caused 4,000 traffic deaths since repeal, involving a \$2,000,000,000 economic loss. The liquor traffic has seriously affected the farmers' market. While during the prohibition period consumption of milk increased by 212 pounds per capita per year, the National Dairy Council reported a four and one-half billion pound drop in milk consumption for the first years beginning with the repeal period. A Government survey indicates a 27 per cent undernormal consumption of milk in leading cities.

"A large proportion of saloon patrons are lured from the labor ranks, with resulting decreased efficiency, in many cases complete disqualification through physical impairment.

"Youth and women have been made the particular target of the liquor traffic since repeal. As a result, home accidents have greatly increased, cases of juvenile delinquency have mounted, and women victims of alcoholism have multiplied.

"Legalized liquor has again become an outstanding aid to commercialized vice and prostitution. According to the American Social Hygiene Association: 'Since repeal of federal prohibition laws, the old alliance between prostitution and the saloon has been renewed with enthusiasm on both sides.'

"Nation-wide gambling has staged a tremendous comeback with the reopening of saloons. The gamblers got more than \$6,600,000,000 of the people's money last year alone.

"The legalized liquor traffic is a most serious obstacle to increased home building. The money spent for liquor since repeal could have financed the building of 2,500,000 five-thousand-dollar homes."

YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VIEWS AND NEWS

By Lewis J. Willis

National Youth Director

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, May 4-11

Tips on Setting Up a Family Altar
OBJECT: "A Family Altar in Every Home" is the theme for National Family Week. The purpose is to challenge every home in America to have family worship at least once every day.

SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR THE WEEK: Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

TIME: This devotional period can be conducted at morning, noon, or evening whichever is the most convenient for the family. The length of family devotions will vary, depending upon the type of method and how many are participating. The average is about five to ten minutes.

LEADER: The responsibility of conducting family worship rests with the parents of the home. The leadership should consider the responsibility a sacred one, making this period one of devotion and of enriching each participant's life.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Reading from the Holy Bible, with explanation and comments, is considered the ideal.
2. Where there are small children, the reading from a Bible story book is practical. By starting to read the book from the beginning, it gives the child a very good knowledge of the Bible. Other books, such as stories on the Old and New Testament or Bible characters, are also helpful.
3. Reading a short passage from the Bible and then if there are small children, a short story can be read for their interest. This story need not always be a Bible story, but of a religious nature.
4. Devotional books and pamphlets are excellent for guidance.
5. It is practical to follow the weekly lesson series as found in Sunday School quarterlies. This builds up an excellent background for the Sunday School lesson the following Sunday.
6. The "Promise Box" can be passed around the family, giving the opportunity for each one to share in reading the Scripture. Also, short comments can be made about each passage. (May be secured at a Christian bookstore.)
7. A Bible quiz can be used occasionally to bring extra interest.
7. Whenever possible, children should participate either in

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They Write...

FAITH

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you," Matt. 17:20.

The theme of this little message is for the upbuilding of your faith. We believe that all things are possible to him that believeth. In Mark 16:16 we read, "He that believeth not shall be damned." The power of God needs to be manifest today as ever; so we must conclude that it is the will of God that the modern church face the facts and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3). The work of the Spirit, the power of the blood, and the work of God were to continue to be effective in the lives of all that believe throughout this age. So, as individuals, if the church of today refuses to accept these truths or put forth the least effort to carry on this program, we can get individual benefits by faith.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," Heb. 11:1. If we are to obtain anything from the Lord, we must have faith; for "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him," Heb. 11:6. Jesus said in Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." This is a command, a must; we must have faith in God! We are saved by grace through faith. What does it mean to fully believe? First, according to 2 Cor. 1:20, to believe that all the promises of God are yea and amen. Second, to believe that all things are possible to the believer (Mark 9:23). Third, to believe that all things that ye shall ask in prayer ye shall receive (Matt. 7:7-11; 21:22). Fourth, to believe that it is the will of God to give what He has promised (1 John 3:22). We, as Christians, can come boldly to the throne of grace and ask what we will, and by faith in God's wonderful promises we can have the desires of our heart. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord," James 1:6, 7.

If there ever was a time we needed to have faith in God's promises, it is the day in which we are now living. We need to have more faith in the blood of Jesus Christ instead of the modern theory that is being taught in the world today, that water baptism doth now save us. It is faith in the blood of Jesus today, as much as it ever was, that cleanses us from our sins. We can also be healed of every disease and affliction, just as is promised in Psalm 103:4, if we will only believe. Jesus promised that all who come to Him, He will in no wise cast out (John 6:37). It is necessary to be-

lieve God's Word. His promises are true. Why not take Him at His word and accept Him now? I believe Jesus is coming soon, so let us look up with faith in our hearts, for our redemption draweth nigh.—Ann Timms, Route 1, Resaca, Ga.

DECISIONS

How perplexing and gigantic decisions can sometimes be! Nevertheless, all through the ages they have presented themselves to the young and old, rich and poor, and the great and small. Decisions are important things. Our future happiness, often the happiness of others, and the final destiny

OUR GUESTS



Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Harris

Brother Harris says, "I was born in Union County, Tenn., April 20, 1889, and went only to common schools. I married Miss Phebia Nunn, near Tazewell, Tenn. We have had 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Both girls are dead, but the boys are living, one a member of the Church of God. I was saved when young, and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost in 1910. Three years later I joined the Mountain Assembly church. In the year 1924, I joined the Church of God, and have been a member ever since. I do not have words to tell you how much the Church of God has meant to me. It has helped me in many ways, and I think it is the greatest institution in the world. I am sure we have men, by the help of God, to take the Church on to even greater victory."

Brother Harris was licensed as a minister of the Church of God in 1924. He attended the Assembly in 1925 and has not missed but one since. He was

of our very souls depend on the RIGHT decision.

Think of the decisions of great men of the past: Moses, when he chose "to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season," Heb. 11:24, 25; Joshua, when he said to his weak and fearful army, "As for me and my house we shall serve the Lord," Joshua 24:15; Gideon, when he reduced his vast army to three hundred qualified men; and others, such as Zacchaeus (Luke 19:8), Peter (Acts 5:29), and Paul (Phil. 3:13, 14). Such men as Lincoln, Washington, and Sir Bernard Montgomery, who regularly read the Bible, must have depended on higher power when making important decisions. On the other hand, when one reads of the hasty and rash decisions of King Saul, 1 Sam. 28:7;

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ordained in 1926. It has been his pleasure to serve the Church as an evangelist, pastor, and district pastor for many years, pastoring some of the best churches in Kentucky, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, also some in Georgia and Virginia. He also served as state overseer of Illinois and Iowa.

He says, "My heart has been made happy by many being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and joining the Church of God under my ministry. The year I pastored the church at Crisfield, Md., I baptized 54 and received 46 good members into our membership. William Morris, who is now pastor of the church at Easton, Md., received the Holy Ghost, and I baptized him and his family in Chesapeake Bay, also his Grandmother Morris, who received the Holy Ghost in the water. She was 84 years old."

He continues, "I love all the ministers and members, and I still enjoy preaching when I am able."

REVIVALS...

VALLEY FORGE, Tenn.—We are in our new church now and having a wonderful time in the Lord. We have had a wonderful revival, with Brother Batts of Knoxville. We enjoyed his messages so much. We also are thankful for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Ledbetter, who have been a great blessing to the church.—Mollie Vaughn.

IVA, S. C.—We have had a 5 weeks' revival, with the Rochester Evangelistic Party, of LaFrance, S. C. Brother and Sister Rochester and their son's special songs were enjoyed by all. Sister Rochester preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and the altars were filled with earnest seekers every night. There were 24 saved, 11 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church. On the last Sunday of the revival we broke our Sunday School record, which was 164, and is now 170. We also thank God for our pastor, Brother Kitchens, and his wife.—Mrs. Edna Ross, Reporter.

HOLT, Ala.—The Pendley Chapel Church of God had a revival in which the church was wonderfully blessed and miracles of healing were performed. There were 18 saved, 14 sanctified, 11 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. The evangelist was Rev. L. G. Rouse.—J. C. Doty, Pastor.

HIGH POINT, N. C.—We have had a 3 weeks' revival, with our good pastor, C. H. Elrod, doing the preaching. There were 12 saved, 9 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 7 were added to the church. God is blessing here in a marvelous way. Our Sunday School has increased in the past few weeks from 105 to 194. In the past few months the church has remodeled the bathrooms, made room for two more Sunday School rooms, and bought new rugs and curtains for the auditorium.—Margaret Driggers, Reporter.

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—We are in our new church building and feel that the Lord has set His approval on the Church of God here. We have had a wonderful visitation of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in our midst. The church is growing by leaps and bounds. We have just had a 2 weeks' revival, with Reverend Allen Keil, our state youth director, and Mrs. Keil. There were 19 saved, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 7 added to the church.—Leslie E. Keil, Pastor.

DAHLONEGA, Ga.—We had a wonderful revival here, with Sister Mildred Griffin and Sister Jannie Hernndon. Sixteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. We also thank the Lord for the great work our L. W. B. is doing. They are buying the parsonage a new electric stove.—L. F. Clements, Pastor.

BELTON, S. C.—We have recently closed a wonderful revival here, with the Lord blessing in a marvelous way. There were 15 or more saved, several sanctified, and 7 received the Holy Ghost. Two nights no one preached. Brother George Britt is pastor, and I have never worked with more wonderful Christians than he and Sister Britt. I appreciate their kindness to me while there.—Myrtle Whitehead, Evangelist.

E. TAMPA, Fla.—We have just had a good revival here in East Tampa which lasted 2 weeks. There were a number saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our evangelist was Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Ky., who did some good preaching on prayer and fasting and other messages. Also, Brother Dagnan taught us something about fasting and what it means really to be consecrated to God through doing these things for the glory of God. A number testified to being healed in the special healing services. This great man of God would help your church. We are also proud of our fine pastor, Rev. John H. Adair, and his wife, who have done a fine work here since the last Assembly in upbuilding the church in many ways. Pray for us.—V. W. Wyatt, Reporter.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—The Church of God in Bowling Green has just had a wonderful revival, with Rev. D. C. Rayhill doing the preaching. There was a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, with 9 saved, 10 sanctified, 12 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. We had wonderful healing services, some being healed of T.B., cancer, and tumor. We also received encouraging messages from the glory land. We praise God for sending Brother Rayhill our way. If you want a good, old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival, you would do well to get Brother Rayhill. Our Y.P.E. was happy to present Brother Rayhill with the sum of \$36.20 while he was with us.

Also, we praise the Lord for our pastor, Rev. A. W. Hall, and his family. Our church has prospered both spiritually and financially in the few months they have been with us. We praise God for His many blessings.—Christine Bledsoe, Secretary of the Y.P.E.

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga.—We have just had a 2 weeks' revival, with Sister Ruth Addington doing the preaching. The Lord used her in a wonderful way. Seven were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the church, and several wonderfully healed. Sister Addington will bless your church. We are going to start our new church in a few weeks. Rev. Joe Story is our pastor.—Mrs. Annie Ruth Bragg, Church Reporter.

FOUR OR MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Frank Bradley, Selma, Ala.	20
D. H. Delk, Brevard, N. C.	8
B. E. Landreth, Chattahoochee, Ga.	4
Justine Barnwell, Linden, Ala.	4
John Marlin, Newport, Ind.	8
J. A. Clements, Hazlehurst, Ga.	20
Clinton Lewis, Hazlehurst, Ga.	4
Roy Harris, Jesup, Ga.	6
A. R. Heaston, Belle Glade, Fla.	4
A. J. Duncan, Nocatee, Fla.	4
Addie Mae Bixby, Coopers Mills, Maine	4
O. L. McManus, New Orleans, La.	15
O. F. Clements, Dahlonega, Ga.	4
J. C. Thompson, Birmingham, Ala.	13
Wm. Thompson, Acton, Ind.	4
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Mrs. Paul O. Davis, Kentwood, La.	5
Sherman Stover, Suches, Ga.	12
Rev. W. Thomas Smith, Stedman, N. C.	4
L. I. Hare, Wake Forest, N. C.	20
Mrs. C. L. Patterson, Shooting Creek, N. C.	4
Mary Dedge, Brunswick, Ga.	8
Bertha Haynes, Bessemer, Ala.	40
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Kenneth Moore, Lawrenceville, Ill.	6
W. D. Lowder, Albemarle, N. C.	20
Mrs. Esther Alston, Herman, Minn.	4
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Joel Davis, Perdido, Ala.	12
T. H. Cook, Cropwell, Ala.	5
Anderson McKenzie, Sidney, Ohio	7
Walter C. Mauldin, Swainsboro, Ga.	11
Everett Hester, Abbeville, S. C.	4
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Cecil Hard, West Green, Ga.	5
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Beulah Chane, Torrance, Calif.	5
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Edward Gray, Joppa, Md.	10
W. H. Preston, Carbon Hill, Ala.	12
Mrs. Margaret May, Johnstown, Penna.	5
Frank Pair, Cordova, Ala.	25
Paul L. Thurman, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	17
R. S. Sullivan, Tulsa, Okla.	4
H. R. Corley, Mt. Airy, N. C.	8
Hilda Taylor, Lucama, N. C.	10
R. L. Beatty, Newport, Tenn.	4
R. F. Ramsey, Greenville, Ala.	6
Mrs. A. S. McKrough, Saraland, Ala.	4
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"Our Lord Is a Living Lord"

By J. E. DeVORE



Rev. DeVore was born on a farm near Ripley, Ohio, February 20, 1928. His mother taught him to pray when he began to talk. At the age of 13, he surrendered his life to God in the second Pentecostal service he attended, and was saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

When 17 years of age, he began preaching in court, school, and farm houses, and God gave him souls. One of his greatest revivals, he says, was in a farm house. The "Jesus Only" people had baptized some of his converts, but eventually he had the pleasure of rebaptizing all of them. Ruth Lewis, of Yocum, Ky., the girl of his dreams, consented to be his bride at the close of that meeting. For 6 years her consecrated life has greatly inspired him in his ministry. Brother DeVore spent a year in the Air Corps, part of which was in the South Pacific. He continued, however, to preach everywhere he had an opportunity, and God richly rewarded him with souls. During his stay in service he discovered and joined the Church of God, and has been perfectly satisfied ever since. He has enjoyed, he says, his 4 years' ministry in the Church of God. He is at present pastoring at Fairborn, Ohio, and enjoying his work. Although Brother DeVore left home at the age of 15, he has managed to obtain a high school education, and did some college work at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, and also at Lee College.

My text is found in 2 Cor. 4:5. "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." The apostle Paul said, "We preach Christ," 1 Cor. 1:23. Every minister should preach Christ; any other message is vanity and will not meet the need of the human soul. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," Acts 4:12. There are many religions, and preachers to back them up, but there is only one NAME under heaven by which men may be saved from sin and darkness. That name is "Jesus." Paul said Jesus sent him to open the eyes of the blind, "to turn them (the Gentiles) from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me," Acts 26:18. Many pulpits today have been given over to philosophy, logic, metaphysics, psychology, and other "ologies" and "isms," but the church that rejoices with the shouting of newborn babes in Christ is that church whose pulpit is ablaze with the fire from heaven because the minister preaches Christ!

I find that it is one thing merely to

know about Christ and another thing really experimentally to know Him. Some are well read on the life, death, resurrection, teachings, and the person of Jesus Christ; yet, sad to say, they do not know Him. To know Him is to love Him, and to love Him is to obey His Word, and to obey His Word is to walk in the light of God's will. The Bible tells us that "as many as are lead by the Spirit of God are the sons of God," and, "If we have not the Spirit of Christ, we are none of his." Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," John 14:15-17.

In the wilderness, the Israelites could see the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. If a mother in Israel awoke in the dark hour of the night and felt afraid, all she had to do was tiptoe to the door of the tent, peer out into the heavens, and, lo, there would be the pillar of fire. There was nothing to be fearful about; God was still there. God was with His people then. Now He dwells in His people. Jesus said, "He shall be in you." In Acts 5:32 Peter said, "We are his witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Thank God for knowable, feelable, shoutable, heart-felt, heart-dwelling, soul-stirring, soul-filling, soul-satisfying salvation. It is of the heart as well as of the mind. It satisfies the soul as well as the intellect. Only this salvation through Jesus Christ can satisfy the heart cry of the human soul. Education cannot do it. Morality cannot do it. Money cannot do it. Jesus, praise God, can do it! He saves! He keeps! He satisfies!

When I come to the end of the way, and the rider of the pale horse says, "Go with me," if I have Jesus I can sing, "O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?" Some men go after the dollar as though they were going to live down here forever. I want something besides dollar bills on which to pillow my head when my time comes to go. Oh, let me feel the flowing of the blood and the stirring of the Spirit and hear the swishing sound of angels' wings coming to bear me home! Hallelujah! That will do for me.

In the early days of Pentecost, God did not use the men of "lower learning" or "worldly learning," but men of "higher learning," men of "learning from heaven"—fishermen and tent builders tutored by Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, and sent forth to preach everywhere. They did

not preach in the great swelling words of men's wisdom, but rather in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost that the glory might be to God. Notice what the Bible says: "They went forth and preached everywhere; the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following," Mark 16:20.

The leaders of the religions of that day said, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also," Acts 17:6. When you turn the devil's apple cart over, you are going to hear him squawk. The preaching of the disciples enraged the dignitaries of the established sects of the day, but they had to take knowledge that these men "had been with Jesus." They not only knew about Him, they knew Him, and the world knew that they knew Him. When you really know Jesus, the world will know it. There is a song, "I said I wouldn't tell it to a living soul, how He brought salvation when He made me whole, but I found I couldn't hide such love as Jesus did impart." So, "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." If you are to keep the light of His love, you must let it shine. Some people have their lights hid under a bushel. They are too busy making money and having a big time in the world to shine. Some are too busy, and some are too lazy! Brother, Sister, don't let anything keep you from shining for Jesus!

We preach a living Christ. If he did not rise, "we are of all men most miserable." There must be no guesswork about this thing. We must know. This is a matter of eternal importance. Many are yet "dead in their trespasses and sins." They are still dead in sin because they do not believe in the living Christ who alone can deliver them. How do I know that He is living? Because I have been delivered from sin. I am no longer dead in sin. "Having been made free from sin and become a servant to God, I have my fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." I boast in the Lord! I was blind, and now I see! I was dead, and now I am alive. By a transformed life, by deliverance from sin, by joy unspeakable, by peace passing the understanding, by the witness in my heart, and by the edifying unction of the Holy Ghost I know beyond any doubt, beyond any question, beyond all argument, my Lord is living! "He lives; He lives; Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives; He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart." According to the apostle Paul, in Romans 6:20-22, "When ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness (that is, you sinned and could not live a righteous life). What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free (delivered) from sin . . . ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them," Matt. 7:20. Oh, thank God for a transformed life through Jesus Christ our living Lord!

"We preach Christ!" We preach a living Christ. Who is this Christ? Mary Baker Eddy spoke of Him as her forerunner, as a teacher, as a leader pointing to her and her doctrine. But any person or sect that denies the atoning blood of the Son of God is antichrist. But who is this Christ? The Unitarian preacher says, "He was merely a man with a new message on universal brotherhood." The Spiritualists think of Him as a great medium. The modernists rob Him of His supernatural powers, admitting only that He was a good man. Others say He was the illegitimate offspring of Mary. But who is this Jesus? Without a moment's hesitation, knowing Him as I know Him, this morning, with His love flooding my heart, I declare Him to be the only Begotten of the Father, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit. He is holy, harmless, undefiled, sinless, full of grace, truth, compassion, goodness, love, and mercy. He is endowed with all wisdom and knowledge. He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Fairest of Ten Thousand, the Altogether Lovely, the Prince of Peace, Prince of Life; Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Lamb of God, Lion of God, Author of Full Salvation, Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and Fire, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. He is the Potentate that is coming again to make the kingdoms of this world the kingdom of our God and of His Christ, to receive His church, to set up His kingdom for a thousand years of peace, during all of which glorious time the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

One day, Jesus will demonstrate to heaven, earth, and hell that He is the One who "liveth and was dead, and is alive forevermore, and has the keys of death and of hell." Hallelujah! Let others find fault with Him, doubt Him, reject Him. I know Him, and I love Him. Do you love Him today? If you do, you know as I know that His tomb is empty. You may go into the graveyards of the world. On every tomb you will read, "Here lies so and so," but go to the grave of Jesus, and you will find it empty, and, written in letters of living, pulsating, eternal life, you will read the word of heavenly visitors, "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." Oh, Brother, Sister, your Lord is a living Lord. "He shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them (disciples) forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

Are you a real Spirit-filled Christian? If you are, you know that Jesus is alive, and because He is, you can stare Death in the face and shout at the rider of the pale horse that you are unafraid. Your living Lord conquered the pangs of death for you and robbed hell of her victory. Jesus is walking with you now; His presence is overshadowing you; His Spirit is burning in your heart, and through Him you are a conqueror for time and eternity. Death is only a gateway to life eternal for you because **OUR LORD IS A LIVING LORD.**

Tornado Destroys the Blytheville, Ark., Church of God

By Lacy D. Powell, Registrar of Lee College



On March 21, 1952, a series of tornadoes swept through the state of Arkansas, Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky, leaving in their wake over 200 people dead and hundreds seriously injured, plus millions of dollars' damage. Arkansas was the hardest hit state of all. The tornadoes started in the southwest corner, swept through the State diagonally, and roared out the northeastern tip, leaving death and destruction all along their path.

Somehow the tornadoes missed all the Churches of God but the one in Blytheville, Ark., which was organized in September of 1950. It just happened that my immediate family and I were on a week-end trip from Lee College to the home of my parents, which is approximately five miles from Blytheville. Perhaps God saw fit to plan it thus that an outside witness could see the damage wrought by the tornado.

The only thing left standing of the church was part of the front. The back had been blown out, and the two side walls had crumbled, with the roof settling, destroying most of the church furniture that had been accumulated. To really understand what the destruction of this church meant to the Blytheville people, you must know some of the circumstances surrounding the organization of the church.

It seemed that all efforts were futile to establish a Church of God in Blytheville, until Brother Darrell Froud, with his family of seven children, volunteered to go there and begin the work. Arrangements for a lot were completed, and Brother Froud pitched his tent and began holding

services. People were converted; a small block building was erected; and, in September of 1950, a church was organized. Some who had been converted joined the church, and others transferred from churches in more remote sections of the State. The work prospered, and the people grew strong in faith. To indicate the faith and outlook of the church, the brethren did not put a permanent back in the church, but left it so they could easily expand. It seemed that at last the church was to prosper, but, then, what seemed like tragedy struck. The pastor was stricken with arthritis so badly that he could not walk, but he refused to quit. He had the few faithful brethren carry him into the church, and in spite of his physical agony, he preached while sitting in a chair. The spirit of the man inspired the people, and the church continued to prosper. Within a year and a half from the date of its organization, it was leading the State in Sunday School attendance.

As most of the work on the church was done by its members and friends, they were soon able to pay for it. Then a parsonage was erected. On March 21 came the destructive tornado, and the only part of the church left standing was a section of the front—a mute memorial to the prayers, work, and sacrifice of poor, humble, hard-working people who had seen the growth of their church from its beginning. People who were not accustomed to crying shed tears, for a part of their lives was destroyed. The tears, however, were not tears of dejection and hopelessness, for, after all, the church was the place where

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It Is Finished

By C. M. Day, Pastor, Eldorado, Ill.



C. M. DAY

Rev. Day was born in Bibb County, Alabama, on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1914. He received his education in Alabama, Ohio, and Florida. He was saved in June, 1931, and received the Holy Ghost September 17, 1931, in Lakeland, Fla., where Rev. R. E. Drymon was pastor. He joined the Church of God when he was only 16 years of age. On September 21, 1933, he was married to Bernice Lucas in Centerville, Ala. To this union 2 children were born, 1 boy and 1 girl. He was called to preach and was set forth by the church at Marvel, Ala. He was promoted to Bishop in 1944. He has remodeled 3 churches and 3 parsonages, and has built 1 parsonage and 3 new churches, and helped to build another one. He has pastored the following churches in Alabama: Athens, Hills Chapel, North Birmingham, Selma, Bayo Labatre, Herrings Tabernacle, Bradford, Woodlawn (Birmingham), Krafton (Mobile), and is now at Eldorado, Ill. He has built two outstanding churches, the one at Bradford, Ala., and the Woodlawn church in Birmingham.

Text: John 19:30, "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

We see Calvary as Christ was hanging on His cross between two thieves, with the agony of awful pain, the spikes through His hands and feet, the crown of thorns on His head, spit from the mockers in His beard, His back bleeding from the 39 stripes for the healing of our bodies. Also, he was lonely, for His followers and His mother were standing afar off. A man that knew no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, was suffering the awful shame of death among thieves.

We see the soldiers who had nailed Jesus to the cross as they parted His raiment and cast lots for His vesture. They said, "He saved others, let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God." It was an awful time among a raging mob that had slapped and beaten God's only begotten Son, seeing them as they still carried on their mockery, offering Him vinegar to drink, and saying, "If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself."

Why did Jesus die a death like this? It was because of sin—sin that has

been upon the human race since the fall of man in the garden of Eden. It was the only remedy for sin. Nothing else in heaven or out of heaven would pay the price for the redemption of the soul of man. Man was under a death penalty, and still is, unless the blood is applied to his heart. Jesus loved us so much He was willing to die this death for us that we could escape this awful death, and when we come to the last mile of our journey we can hear Him say, "Well done."

Yes, He died that we will not have to go to hell, but can have everlasting life.

As Jesus bowed His head and said, "It is finished," I am sure this was a moan of relief. There would be no more Gethsemane with its bloody sweat, no more thorns to pierce His brow, no more lashes from the whip, no more slaps from those that mocked, and no one to spit in His face. The suffering of Jesus had ended. It was also a shout of victory; the prediction of His death was fulfilled. He had overcome the world, and now there is a way that man can get sin out of his life. There is no other name under heaven whereby we can be saved, but, thank God, there is a way. By the way of the cross His blood is sufficient. Satan has been overcome. The devil worked with all his might, but Jesus came out victorious over death, hell, and the grave.

It was a message to God, also. "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." What a job He had to do, but as a sheep led to the slaughter, so He opened not His mouth. He was so tired and His body so weak as He bore this heavy load, that He fell under the weight of the cross. He had preached so many sermons, walked so many miles, lost so many hours of sleep and, no doubt, many meals, that He was sick, with awful pains running through His body. Dirt was in the wounds where He had fallen on the ground. He was lonely, as there was no one to bathe the stripes and dress them, but His work was finished and He could say, "I have glorified the Father."

Then, it was also a message to man as a pardon for his sins. I think of the many crimes today. There are those who are found guilty and have a death sentence passed on them, but word comes that they are set free. That is what Christ has done for us. We all had that death sentence, but we all can have pardon through the blood of Christ. Thank God for the hope we have through Him. The sacrifice for our sins is complete—no more offering of the sin offering, as in the Old Bible, but Christ was our sin offering, the Lamb of God. We should make a sacrifice, according to Romans 12:1, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." There is now divine justice to all. God knows the very thoughts of

everyone. Regardless of what part of the world we live in, or whether we are rich or poor, we will have justice. Sometimes money buys freedom here in this life, but money will fail when the judgment time comes; nothing but the blood of Jesus will atone.

The mission upon which God sent Jesus into the world was finished.



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If you plan to have a Daily Vacation Bible School and need someone to supervise, please contact me right away, as I am getting my work for the summer scheduled. I have had several years' experience and will be glad to come your way and help with your D. V. B. S. I also teach singing school.—Mrs. Vera Raldrée, Box 31, Davisboro, Ga.

YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL...

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- reading or in the prayer period.
- Each member of the family may select a scripture verse for the day, then during the day prepare an illustration of the verse. At family worship in the night be according to the illustration.
 - This is an excellent time to learn memory verses and to review portions which have been learned in Sunday School or previous times in family worship.
 - Singing can have a very important place in family worship. The devotional period can be opened with a hymn or several choruses, and can be closed in the same manner.
 - Prayer should be a part of the family worship period. As much as possible the entire family should have a part. Prayers should be brief, but reverent. The group may either stand or kneel for prayer. If there is a large group, one individual may offer the prayer and then the entire group may participate in closing by using the Lord's Prayer, Psalm 19:14; 139:23, 24; etc.—Prepared by Rev. P. W. McBeth.

THEY WRITE

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Samson, Judges 16:16, 17; Jephthah, Judges 11:30, 31; and the recent downfall of Hitler and Mussolini, one wonders if the quality of their preparation did not leave much to be desired, especially the lack of divine guidance.

Merely choosing between right and wrong is not the only problem of the Christian, but finding God's perfect will for one's life is equally important. This may mean separation from loved ones, self-discipline, and many personal sacrifices. But the sweetest victories sometimes come only after the hardest battles. C. A. Stoddard said: "When we can say 'no' not only to things that are wrong and sinful, but also to things pleasant, profitable, and good which would hinder and clog our grand duties and our chief work, we shall understand more fully what life is worth, and how to make the most of it."

To obtain security and peace of mind, the following acts, if faithfully followed, are recommended:

PRAY: "Lean not unto thine own understanding," Prov. 3:5, 6; "The effectual, fervent prayer of a RIGHT-EOUS man availeth much," James 5:16; "Commit thy way unto the Lord," Psa. 37:5a.

OBEY: One need not pray over disobedience, 1 Sam. 15:22; "Be not deceived; God is not mocked," Gal. 6:7.

TRUST: After committing ourselves wholeheartedly and completely unto God for His leading, and having honestly obeyed that which we know to do, then we must trust Him with the rest, Psa. 37:5b: "Trust also in him; and he SHALL bring it to pass." We need not to command God: just present ourselves for service. Someone

has said that "Christians pray as though they had a heavenly Father, but act as though they were orphans," when they fail to trust Him with the results.

Yes, decisions can be momentous, but they need not be terrifying. If you are burdened, in ill health, or undecided as to His plan for your life, then take time to pray, obey, and trust. Having done this, you, too, can say with the poet:

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know, THUS saith the Lord.

Mabel Mullins,
Lee College, Cleveland Tenn.

TORNADO DESTROYS THE BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., CHURCH OF GOD

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they had met the Friend of friends, and you could see resolution and a new determination to erect another house of God. In fact, at this writing, the debris has already been cleared away, and they are reconstructing their place of worship.

The building was destroyed on Friday night, and there was no place to hold services on Sunday. Brother Froud's determination to hold the flock together spurred him into action, and he acquired one of the city school buildings for services.

These people did not ask for help in the beginning, and, as far as I know, they have not asked for help yet. They love God and His house, and by His help they will erect another church, perhaps better than the first. The church is composed of people who will not be defeated. Their faith and willingness to work and sacrifice have not been destroyed; this is the key to their success.

Although these people are very poor from a material standpoint, they have not asked for a lot of consideration. Some of the churches have taken offerings for them as an expression of their love and desire to strengthen the brethren in need. I know that these expressions of love are deeply appreciated by all.

Your prayers are needed, and your expression of love and consideration would be greatly appreciated. Should you desire to write to the pastor, his address is: Rev. D. D. Froud, 1914 West Cherry St., Blytheville, Ark.

OBITUARIES

PEARSON

Brother Isaac Reuben Pearson departed this life on January 1, 1952. He was a devoted husband and father. He was a good member of the Church of God for 20 years, was ordained a deacon in 1943, and lived a devoted, consecrated life from the time he was saved until his death. He is survived by 3 sons, 3 daughters, and his wife. Rev. C. E. Neal had charge of the funeral, assisted by the state overseer of New Mexico, Rev. J. L. Summers. Thanks to everyone for his kindness in our sorrow.—Mrs. Grace L. Pearson.

STOKER

We lost our dear sister Annie Stoker on October 11, 1951, when she went

to be with Jesus. She is surely missed by all, as she was a good member in our church, but we know that God had a better place for her. We pray we shall meet her again in glory.—Bertha Crosby.

WALDEN

Mrs. Katie Walden, wife of the late Rev. L. T. Walden, died December 5, 1951, at the age of 74. She had been a member of the Church of God in Alabama City 32 years. Her funeral was in the Alabama City church and was conducted by the Reverends L. W. McIntyre, J. D. Bright, G. W. Hodges, and J. D. McCay.

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